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It has been a tremendous pleasure to serve as the President of the Midwest Center for Environmental Science and Public Policy and its predecessor, Citizens for a Better Environment. Our 35 year history of environmental advocacy in the Great Lakes region speaks for itself.

Running a small environmental science and advocacy organization has been and always will be a challenge, although I have been blessed with a Board of Directors that made these challenges seem insignificant. Their wisdom, insight, and commitment to the organization's mission were without equal. Even when it came time to close our doors, the Board ensured that we brought this organization to closure in a way that was in the best interests of the environment and our members and supporters. To that end, we have donated the assets of the organization to other environmental advocacy groups in the Great Lakes region as well as to a national environmental organization.

I will continue to provide scientific support as a consultant to environmental and health advocacy organizations, and I will be embarking on a new effort to lead the National Neimann-Pick Disease Foundation (NNPDF). The Foundation, which works throughout the U.S., funds research and supports families affected by this devastating disease. Please take a moment to visit the Foundation's web site at [www.nnpdf.org](http://www.nnpdf.org).

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend sincere thanks to all of the volunteers, employees, donors, and supporters who worked with CBE and the Midwest Center to improve and protect the environment and health in the Great Lakes region.

Jeffery A. Foran, Ph.D.



## ***Bringing Science to Advocacy***



After 35 years, we are closing the doors of the Midwest Center for Environmental Science and Environment (CBE). Our Board of Directors approved dissolution of the organization, recognizing unparalleled contributions to protecting and enhancing the health of the Great Lakes and the science to the decision-making process.

There are many environmental organizations in the region and we hope you will support them. We support our long-time partner the League of Conservation Voters.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend sincere thanks for your generous support of the healthier environment would have been impossible without your support.

Sincerely,

Jeffery A. Foran, Ph.D.  
President

*A Message From The President*